

# Texas Vaccine Providers Webinar Highlights – March 15, 2022

Review the highlights of the topics covered in the March 15<sup>th</sup> webinar below or view the [full recording](#) for detailed information.

## COVID-19 Vaccine Clinical Guidance

- Review the full webinar recording to hear DSHS’ subject matter experts’ responses to COVID-19 vaccination status related questions, including the following:
  - When is a person considered fully vaccinated?
  - How much time passes after an individual receives their booster shot until they are considered boosted?
  - If an individual has completed their primary series but hasn't received their booster, when are they no longer considered up to date?
- Review the full webinar recording to hear DSHS’ subject matter experts’ responses to COVID-19 vaccination status of individuals considered up to date or not, including the following:
  - A person aged 12 years or older who has completed a primary series of mRNA COVID-19 vaccines but is not yet eligible for a booster dose.
  - A male age 12-39 years who received the first dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine 7 weeks ago.
- Providers are encouraged to review CDC Immunization Schedule: CDC Immunization Schedule instead: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/downloads/COVID-19-immunization-schedule-ages-5yrs-older.pdf>
- Please continue to manage your vaccine inventory even after receiving shipments and placing them in storage. This includes monitoring vaccine **Beyond Use Dates (BUD)** and expiration dates. Once you receive your vaccine, update **the CDC BUD Tracking Label** to track how long your vaccine can stay in a particular storage method (e.g., freezer, fridge, based on its specific storage guidelines). Make sure to monitor these Beyond Use Dates over time to ensure that only viable vaccine is administered.

## COVID-19 Vaccine Product Ordering Updates

- The FDA approved the extension of the expiration date of the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine from **six months to nine months** for refrigerated vials. This shelf-life extension applies to all inventory dated to expire **on March 7, 2022 or later**. Please use the [expiration lookup tool](#) to verify whether your Janssen vaccine expiration has been extended.
- Jurisdictions and providers should regularly check inventory for expired vaccine and immediately remove expired inventory to prevent it from being administered. **Remember: Expired vaccines should be [reported as waste](#).**

## ImmTrac2 Reporting: Entering COVID-19 Vaccines into the Registry

- On January 31, 2022, the FDA approved another COVID-19 vaccine, Spikevax. It has been known as the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine; the approved vaccine will be marketed as Spikevax for the prevention of COVID-19 in individuals 18 years of age and older. Spikevax has the same formulation as the EUA Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine and is administered as a primary series of two doses, one month apart.

### Provider Resources:

- [COVID-19 Vaccine Management Resources \(training and support materials\)](#)
- [ImmTrac2 User Training Site](#)
- [ImmTrac2 Forms and Documents](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Enrollment Information](#)
- [CDC Clinical Considerations for or Use of mRNA COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
- [EUA Fact Sheet for Janssen Vaccine](#)
- DSHS Provider Help Desk: (833) 832-7068, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday; Email: [COVID19VacEnroll@dshs.texas.gov](mailto:COVID19VacEnroll@dshs.texas.gov)

### Live Q&A:

**Below are some of the questions DSHS subject matter experts answered during the webinar’s live Q&A sessions.**

- Should patients still be waiting 15 minutes in the office after receiving the COVID-19 vaccine?
- For clients traveling internationally, is there a way to setup QR codes that we have administered COVID-19 vaccines to?
- What are instructions for providers that are needing to charge admin fee for COVID-19 vaccines for clients that don’t have insurance?
- When a patient requests a ImmTrac immunization record, do we need to keep record of a signed consent or is a verbal consent sufficient?

